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	Examiner Timothy Edwards, Jr.	Art Unit 2612

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 May 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 and 3-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/0256/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayes US 6,781,518.

Considering claim 1, Hayes discloses a method of programming a remote control device comprising **a**) a device of a combination type providing a combination of functionalities equivalent to that provided by a further combination of respective further devices with respective features (see col 5, lines 20-35); **b**) the device including an interface for receiving a control signal to access the combination of functionalities, wherein the combination functionalities determine possible operational states of the device (see col 2, lines 47-58); **c**) providing input data for a configuration process for generating program code enabling a control system to determine a control signal controlling a transition between relevant ones of possible states (see col 2, lines 12-21); **d**) input data is assembled by a data processing system in accordance with information defining the

further combination of the respective further device with a respective feature received through an interface the data processing system (see col 2, lines 22-34).

Considering claim 3, Hayes discloses the limitation of this claim (see col 2, lines 12-21).

Considering claim 4, Hayes discloses the limitation of this claim (see col 5, lines 20-35).

Considering claims 5-7 Hayes discloses the limitations of these claims (see col 6, lines 1-5).

Considering claim 8, Hayes discloses the limitation of this claim (see col 4, lines 54-59 and col 6, lines 31-35).

Considering claim 9, Hayes discloses the limitation of this claim (see col 5, lines 20-35).

Considering claims 10, 12 Hayes discloses the limitation of these claims (see col 11, lines 14-26 and figs 1a and 1b).

Considering claim 11, Hayes discloses the limitations of this claim (see col 2, lines 12-21, col 5, lines 20-35, col 6, lines 17-40 and col 9, line 65 to col 10, line 16).

Considering claim 13, Hayes discloses the limitation of this claim (see col 10, lines 1-16).

Considering claim 14, Hayes discloses the limitations of this claim (see col 10, lines 1-16 and col 10, lines 25-33).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See attached PTO-892.

If the claimed invention is amended, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification, which dictate(s) the structure/description relied upon to assist the Examiner in proper interpretation of the amended language and also to verify and ascertain the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Timothy Edwards, Jr. at telephone number (571) 272-3067. The examiner

can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The examiner cannot be reached on Fridays.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Zimmerman, can be reached at (571) 272-3059.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-4700, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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/Timothy Edwards, Jr./
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2612
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